



Morrison
Heights

Introduction to the New Testament

New Testament Workshop
August 23, 2020

Old Testament

New Testament

39 = 59%	Books	27 = 41%
920 = 77.37%	Chapters	269 = 22.63%
23,215 = 74.47%	Verses	7,958 = 25.53%

Chapter and Verse Divisions

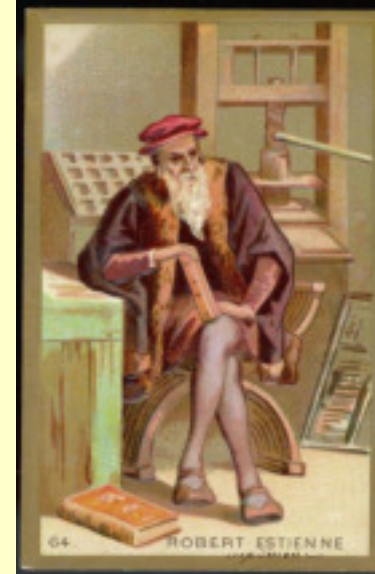
Archbishop Stephen Langton



responsible for **CHAPTER DIVISIONS**
in the Old and New Testaments

1228

Robert Estienne OR Stephanus



responsible for **VERSE DIVISIONS**
in the New Testament

1555

Koiné Greek

JOHN 3:16

Οὕτως γὰρ ἠγάπησεν ὁ θεὸς τὸν κόσμον, ὥστε τὸν υἱὸν
τὸν μονογενῆ ἔδωκεν, ἵνα πᾶς ὁ πιστεύων εἰς αὐτὸν μὴ
ἀπόληται ἀλλ' ἔχη ζωὴν αἰώνιον.

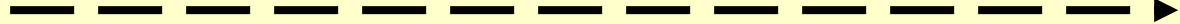
- ✓ *Read from left to right.*
- ✓ *NO word order*

ORIGINAL Language of the New Testament



New Testament Canon

CATALYSTS



① Marcion the Heretic

② Rise of Gnostic Writings

③ Persecution of Christians



New Testament Canon: Developments

Step One: MURATORIAN FRAGMENT



4 Gospels, Acts, 13 Letters of Paul, 1-2 John, Jude, and Revelation

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Step Two: IRENAEUS/Bishop of Lyons

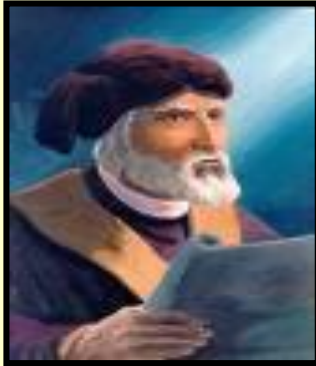


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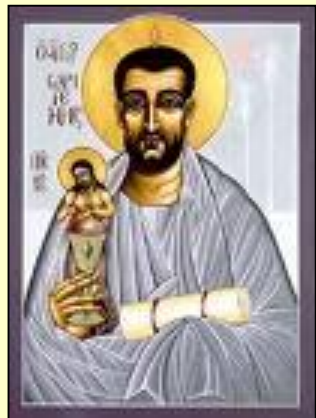
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Step Three: TERTULLIAN



4 Gospels, Acts, 13 Letters of Paul, Hebrews,
1 Peter, 1 John, Jude, and Revelation
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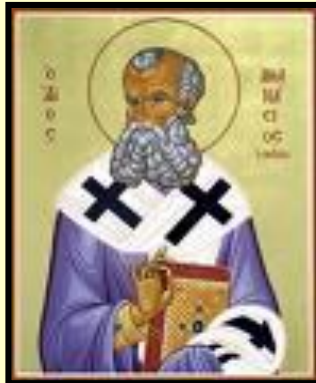
Step Four: ORIGEN



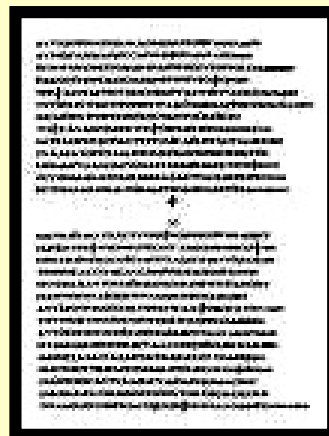
First to Refer to All **27** New Testament Books
ORALLY

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Step Five: ATHANASIUS/Bishop of Alexandria



First to Refer to All **27** Books of the New Testament in a **Writing**, his Easter Festal Letter [367 AD]



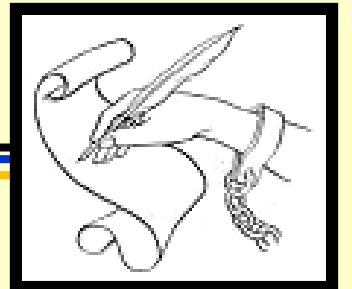
Criteria for Canonicity

APOSTOLICITY (Authorship)

a book written by an apostle, someone associated with an apostle, or someone connected to Jesus

ORTHODOXY (Content)

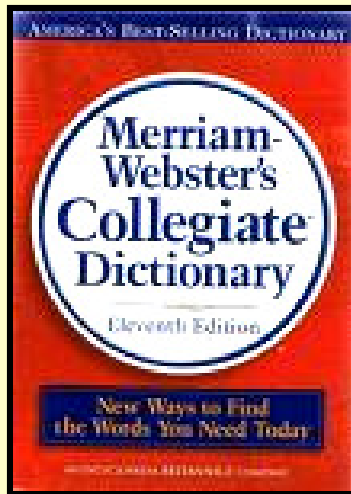
a book that does not contradict any other scripture



Criteria for Canonicity

CATHOLICITY (Application)

a book that enjoyed widespread acceptance for a long period of time



cath•o•lic \ka-thə-lik\ *adj*
comprehensive, universal



Disputed Books

External Criteria

Hebrews

Internal Criteria

James

2 Peter

2 John

Jude

3 John